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Security Council

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3923rd Meeting

Wednesday, 9 September 1998, 11.45 a.m.

New York

President:	Mr. Dahlgren	(Sweden)
Members:	Bahrain	Mr. Buallay
	Brazil	Mr. Valle
	China	Mr. Qin Huasun
	Costa Rica	Mr. Niehaus
	France	Mr. Dejammet
	Gabon	Mr. Dangue Réwaka
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Japan	Mr. Owada
	Kenya	Mr. Mahugu
	Portugal	Mr. Monteiro
	Russian Federation	Mr. Fedotov
	Slovenia	Mr. Zbogar
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock
	United States of America	Mr. Burleigh

Agenda

Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

98-85737 (E)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.50 a.m.

Expression of condolences

The President: At the outset of the meeting, I should like, on behalf of the Council, to express deep sorrow in connection with the tragic air accident which occurred on 2 September 1998 with respect to Swissair flight 111 and which claimed the lives of more than 200 persons, including seven personnel of the United Nations system. The members of the Council express heartfelt sympathy to the families of all the victims, and in particular to the relatives of those who lost their lives in the service of the ideals of the United Nations. I request the representatives of Switzerland and the United States of America, as well as the representatives of all other countries whose nationals were aboard the flight, to convey to their Governments and to the bereaved families our deepest condolences.

I now request members of the Council to stand and observe a minute of silence in memory of those who so tragically lost their lives.

The members of the Security Council observed a minute of silence.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

The President: As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of September, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Mr. Danilo Türk, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of August 1998. I am sure that I speak for all members of the Security Council in expressing our deep appreciation to Ambassador Türk for the great diplomatic skill with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

The President: The Security Council will now proceed to the consideration of its annual report to the General Assembly, the draft of which has been prepared by the Secretariat. Members of the Council have before them the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly for the period from 16 June 1997 to 15 June 1998, as circulated by the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs on 24 August 1998, and a corrigendum thereto.

I should like to express appreciation to the Secretariat for the work it has undertaken in preparing this factual report.

I now call on the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division to make an explanatory statement.

Mrs. Bali (Director of the Security Council Affairs Division): The draft annual report of the Security Council for the period 16 June 1997 to 15 June 1998, to be submitted to the General Assembly of the United Nations in pursuance of Article 24, paragraph 3, and Article 15, paragraph 1, of the United Nations Charter, has been prepared by the Secretariat in line with the revised format agreed upon by the Security Council in 1974 and further revised in 1985, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1997.

The format of the draft report before the Council provides a guide to the activities of the Council in a concise manner. It corresponds to the Council's decisions on the format. This is the first report prepared in accordance with the measures set out in the note by the President of 12 June 1997, in S/1997/451, which were aimed at enhancing the analytical nature of the report and accommodating the views expressed on the previous format. It should be noted that the addendum to the report contains monthly assessments prepared by former Presidents of the Security Council under their own responsibility, for the month during which they presided, and following consultations with members of the Council.

The draft report was circulated by the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs on 24 August 1998 to the current members of the Security Council and also to the members whose terms of office expired on 31 December 1997, that is, Chile, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau, Poland and the Republic of Korea, for review and comments, if any. Corrigenda containing changes proposed by Council members and by the Secretariat have also been circulated to Council members.

The President: May I take it that the draft report as corrected is adopted by the Council?

There being no objection, it is so decided.

This decision will be reflected in a note by the President of the Security Council, to be issued as document S/1998/843.

The Security Council has thus concluded its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at noon.

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3924th Meeting

Wednesday, 9 September 1998, 5.30 p.m.

New York

President:	Mr. Dahlgren	(Sweden)
Members:	Bahrain	Mr. Buallay
	Brazil	Mr. Valle
	China	Mr. Shen Guofang
	Costa Rica	Mr. Niehaus
	France	Mr. Dejammet
	Gabon	Mr. Dangue Réwaka
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Japan	Mr. Konishi
	Kenya	Mr. Mahugu
	Portugal	Mr. Monteiro
	Russian Federation	Mr. Fedotov
	Slovenia	Mr. Zbogar
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Eldon
	United States of America	Mr. Burleigh

Agenda

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

98-85762 (E)

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The meeting was called to order at 5.35 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations. Members of the Council have before them document S/1998/841, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by Costa Rica, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to vote on the draft resolution contained in document S/1998/841. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bahrain, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, France, Gabon, Gambia, Japan, Kenya, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1194 (1998).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 5.40 p.m.

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Security Council

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3925th Meeting

Tuesday, 15 September 1998, 1.20 p.m.

New York

President:	Mr. Dahlgren	(Sweden)
Members:	Bahrain	Mr. Buallay
	Brazil	Mr. Amorim
	China	Mr. Liu Jieyi
	Costa Rica	Mr. Sáenz-Biolley
	France	Mr. Teixeira da Silva
	Gabon	Mr. Dangue Réwaka
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Japan	Mr. Tanaka
	Kenya	Mr. Mahugu
	Portugal	Mr. Monteiro
	Russian Federation	Mr. Granovsky
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Richmond
	United States of America	Ms. Soderberg

Agenda

The situation in Angola

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (S/1998/838)

98-85768 (E)

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The meeting was called to order at 1.20 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Angola

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (S/1998/838).

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Angola, in which she requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mrs. Coelho Da Cruz (Angola) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola, document S/1998/838.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/1998/850, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by Kenya, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Slovenia and the United States of America.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to document S/1998/847, which contains the text of identical letters dated 11 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council, transmitting the text of a letter dated 10 September 1998 from the President of the Republic of Angola addressed to the Secretary-General.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bahrain, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, France, Gabon, Gambia, Japan, Kenya, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1195 (1998).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 1.30 p.m.

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Security Council

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3926th Meeting

Tuesday, 15 September 1998, 5.45 p.m.

New York

President:	Mr. Dahlgren	(Sweden)
Members:	Bahrain	Mr. Buallay
	Brazil	Mr. Felicio
	China	Mr. Liu Jieyi
	Costa Rica	Mr. Niehaus
	France	Mr. Teixeira da Silva
	Gabon	Mr. Dangue Réwaka
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Japan	Mr. Owada
	Kenya	Mr. Mahugu
	Portugal	Ms. Gomes
	Russian Federation	Mr. Fedotov
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Grainger
	United States of America	Mr. Stoffer

Agenda

The situation in Afghanistan

98-85780 (E)

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The meeting was called to order at 5.45 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Afghanistan

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council strongly condemns the murder of Iranian diplomats in Afghanistan by Taliban combatants. This was a crime committed in flagrant violation of international law and despite repeated assurances by the Taliban leaders guaranteeing the safety and security of the personnel of foreign missions in Mazar-i-Sharif. The killing of Iranian diplomats by Taliban combatants has seriously increased tension in the region.

"The Security Council expresses its deepest condolences to the families of the Iranian diplomats and to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It believes that this criminal act should be fully investigated with the participation of the United Nations with a view to prosecuting those responsible. The Council demands that the Taliban release other Iranians detained in Afghanistan and ensure their safe and dignified passage out of Afghanistan without further delay.

"The Security Council recalls its condemnation of the murders of members of the United Nations Special Mission to Afghanistan and the personnel of humanitarian agencies in areas controlled by the Taliban and demands that these crimes be investigated and the Taliban ensure the safety and security of all international personnel.

"The Security Council expresses its deep concern at the escalating military operations in the Bamyan province and at reports of mass killings of civilians in northern Afghanistan. It demands that the Taliban fully respect international humanitarian law and human rights.

"The Security Council calls upon all concerned to exercise maximum restraint. It also calls upon the parties, in particular the Taliban, to take action in response to the strong concerns expressed by the international community, to stop fighting and resume negotiations aimed at achieving a peaceful settlement of the conflict on the basis of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

"The Security Council will keep the situation under close review and is prepared to consider urgently further action."

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/1998/27.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.